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- 1. Response to Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (<u>30</u> pages);
- 2. Exhibit A (9 pages);
- 2. Petition for Extension of Time (2 pages);
- 3. Payment in the amount of \$550.00 via electronic credit card authorization; and
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